

fusion and english

The Whorl list — 3 messages, 3 voices, 01 Nov 1998

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Greg Neyman — 01 Nov 1998, 21:14

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and it looks like this English problem has been put pretty much to rest. thanks for all your input, you guys (man I hate to be cowed ...)

last call ... any ideas on how the whorl powers itself?

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Later ...

^^ Greg Neyman Greg.Neyman at gte.net

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Michael Straight — 02 Nov 1998, 08:49 · follows Greg Neyman

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The classic SF trope is getting hydrogen from electrolysis of water, so I imagine Prion is refering to water vapor in the air.

"Humid weather today. Yum!" -- Hammerstone

-Rostrum

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Alex David Groce — 02 Nov 1998, 11:55 · follows Michael Straight

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For my money, not at all, and Quetzal's motivations as the (maybe) benevolent vampire will presumably be explained in *Short Sun*... Didn't Wolfe say as much in the Q&A session some time ago?

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." - John 8:32

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